

Docket No.:

CHNT-0011P1

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Confirmation No.: 7599

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Group Art Unit: 1644

Serial No: 10/635,010

Examiner: Saunders, David A.

Filed: August 6, 2003

Customer No.: 34610

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT ASSAY SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AGENTS THAT ALTER SURFACE EXPRESSION OF INTEGRAL MEMBRANCE PROTEINS

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and/or Reply in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	59	59	0	x \$50.00 =	\$
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$200.00=	\$
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Fee for extension of time					
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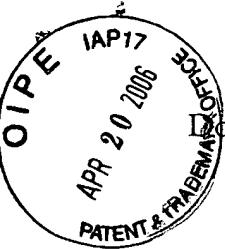
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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on April 14, 2006, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-23 and 40) with traverse for further prosecution on the merits.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or

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independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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